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1. During the first part of 1950, construction work was started on a project just north of the railroad station at Kalesseve, a village about 50 kilometers southwest of Minsk and about two kilometers southwest of the former Soviet-Polish border (see sketch for the approximate location of Kalesseve). The project allegedly had a high military priority. An area of approximately ten square kilometers to the north of Kalesseve had been declared off-limits to civilians and placed under armed guard.
2. Officers and enlisted men from this project, while visiting nearby cities from 1950 to 1953, stated that the project under construction was an Air Force installation. In their conversations about the project the officers and enlisted men specifically mentioned the construction of underground hangars. All the work was being done by military personnel, principally by Uzbeks, Kazakhs, Turkmen, and other members of the national minorities from Soviet Central Asia, but under the supervision of Russian officers.
3. In fall 1953 [] large number of fairly new warehouses along the railroad tracks near the Kalesseve railroad station. These warehouses contained such construction materials as cement, iron, lime, and asphalt. [] also [] hundreds of trucks, cement mixers, bulldozers, and other construction equipment items in the vicinity of the railroad station. There were 300 to 400 soldiers working around the warehouses and at the edge of the forest. No barracks could be seen from the Baranovich-Minsk railroad line. []

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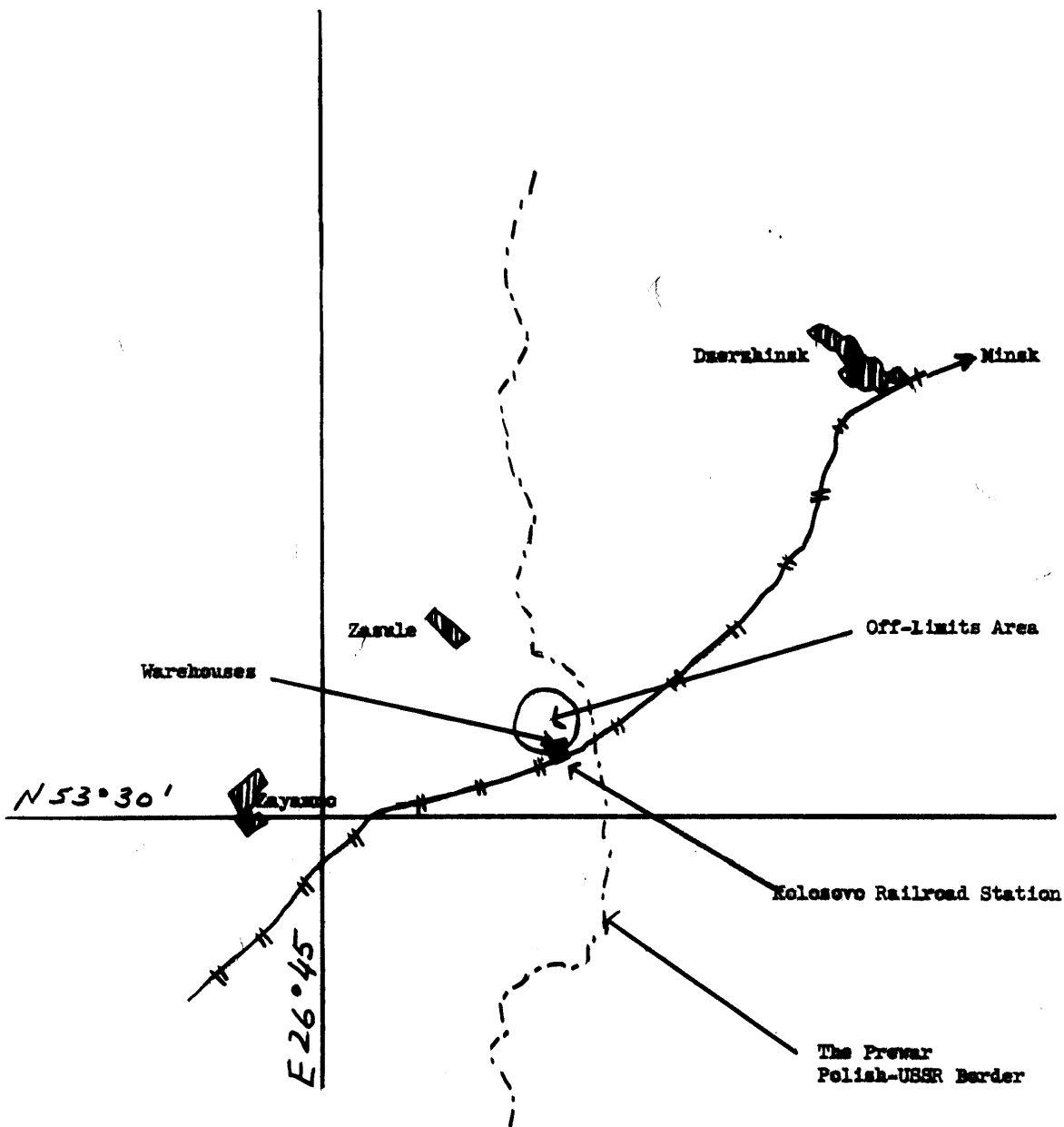
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Military Construction Project near the Kolosovo Railroad Station



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